

# He is Risen!



EASTER 2025

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# SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER



## ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition each Monday from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and from 5:00 a.m. Tuesdays until 9:00 p.m. Friday evenings. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit [StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com](http://StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com) to sign up or use the QR code.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are currently available to schedule for 2025. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please scan the QR code to order and pay online or visit the Parish Office. One should never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul, both for the living and the deceased.



## LOW-GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.



## NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at [www.saintmichael-cd.org](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org).

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to [rlund@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:rlund@saintmichael-cd.org) with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing [srriya@stmichael-cd.org](mailto:srriya@stmichael-cd.org).



## ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 11, 2025

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 10

4:00 p.m. + Rose Mary & John Bianchi  
(The Soller Family)

### Sunday, May 11

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members  
of our Parish  
10:30 a.m. + Tina Fann (Boy Scout Troop 123)  
12:30 p.m. + Joan Carole Brown (The Brown Family)  
5:00 p.m. + Helen Gersi (Steve & Barbara Tucker)

### Monday, May 12

6:30 a.m. +Special Intention of the Taylor Family  
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Nicodeme Raymond

### Tuesday, May 13

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Sr. Ave Maria, O.P.  
(SMS 2nd Grade Class)  
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of the Waechter Family

### Wednesday, May 14

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Margaret Smith  
8:15 a.m. For the School  
6:00 p.m. + Antonio Cruz & Luisa Caso Cruz  
(The Caso Family)

### Thursday, May 15

6:30 a.m. + Michael Lavin  
(Deacon John & Mary Crerand)  
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Kathleen McKinniss

### Friday, May 16

6:30 a.m. + Antonio & Kuisa Caso Cruz  
(The Caso Family)  
8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Ellie & Jake Burger  
(The McNamara Family)

### Saturday, May 17

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of Linda Orlik  
(Lauren Jazwiec)  
4:00 p.m. + Tom Kalinoski (The Kalinoski Family)

### Sunday, May 18

8:30 a.m. + Josefa, Enriqueta, Manuela &  
Pilar Caso Posada (The Caso Family)  
10:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members  
of our Parish  
12:30 p.m. + Randy Neal  
5:00 p.m. Special Intention of Sr. Maria Kolbe, O.P.  
(The Lund Family)

## PARISH CALENDAR: MAY

<b>SUNDAY, May 11</b>	9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (A)
<b>Monday, May 12</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 12:00 p.m. Parish Mission: Rosary & Sermon (C) 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (UMR) 6:00 p.m. Confessions (C) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 6:30 p.m. K of C 4th Degree Meeting (LMR) 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission: Our Life (C) 7:30 p.m. K of C Council Meeting (LMR)
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 11:30 a.m. Live Wires Spring Luncheon (MH) 12:00 p.m. Parish Mission: Rosary & Sermon (C) 6:00 p.m. Confessions (C) 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission: Our Sweetness (C)
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Mass, followed by Holy Hour & Confessions (C) 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission: Our Hope (C) 7:30 p.m. OCIA (UMR)
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (U)
<b>Friday, May 16</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 9:30 a.m. Mom's Day Out (UMR)
<b>Saturday, May 17</b>	7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
<b>SUNDAY, May 18</b>	9:00 a.m. OCIA (UMR) 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (A)

To view Parish Masses & Ministry Activities in advance, please view our Parish Calendar online by visiting: [www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org/about-us/calendar/).  
(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel, (A) = Atrium

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

MAY 4, 2025

Envelopes .....	\$	14,755.39
Online Giving .....	\$	14,507.56
<b>Total:.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,262.95</b>



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# MEMORIAL DAY

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Join us in praying for our fallen heroes

MONDAY, 26 MAY 2025  
DAILY MASSES AT 6:30AM & 8:15AM  
WORTHINGTON MEMORIAL DAY  
PARADE BEGINS AT 10AM

JOIN US FOR THE PARADE AND  
ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY  
LEMONADE  
AND HOT DOGS.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

These days are very special and filled with many blessings.

Our little children, who have prepared to receive Jesus for the first time, made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10th. Not only was it particularly special given their reception of the Holy Sacrament, but also because it took place within the Month of Mary.

This weekend, we have the special privilege of hosting a visiting priest who will preach on Our Lady. He will then also offer three evenings of sermons on Our Lady.

Please consider attending some added devotion to Our Lady, like the daily Rosary or praying the Angelus, so as to make full use of the power and beauty of this month of Our Lady.

Lastly, and definitely not the least, we have been blessed with a new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As the bells were pealing, it was beautiful to see the children in the playground stir with excitement at the news becoming public.

Together as members of the church, the People of God, let us pray with gratitude for the gift of a new pope.

In Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Stash Dailey

## AROUND THE PARISH



*Join the*  
**LIVE WIRES  
SPRING  
LUNCHEON**  
*tuesday, may 13  
11:30am*

St. Michael Seniors, our annual spring luncheon is here! Lunch & desserts are provided. To help us plan, RSVP's are needed. Please call the parish office at 614.885.7814 to RSVP no later than May 12. Invite a friend to join you for this favorite spring tradition!



## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 56: Doxology

Today we are in the homestretch of our journey through the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass! At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest prays some very special words: The Doxology. The glossary of our Catechism defines doxology as a "Christian prayer which gives praise and glory to God, often in a special way to the three divine persons of the Trinity" (CCC, 875). The Catholic Source Book tells us the word doxology comes from the Greek *doxa*, which means "glory." In our tradition, the Gloria can be referred to as the "Greater Doxology" and the prayer "Glory Be" the "lesser doxology" (The Catholic Source Book, p. 7). There are many doxologies found throughout our prayer, including those in the Bible. For example: "For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen." (Romans 11:36). Another example is: "To him be glory now and to the day of eternity" (2 Peter 3:18).

## Gratitude for Participation in Jesus' Offering

As for the doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest raises the chalice and paten, and sings or says: "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever." As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, "These words of praise addressed to the Father summarize well the reality of what has just taken place: the sacrificial offering of the Son to the Father through the Holy Spirit" (A Study of the Mass, p. 16). For me as a priest, this is always a truly special moment where I feel an overlapping mix of unworthiness and joy. Elevating Jesus in the Eucharist above the altar, I am often struck with a sense of being allowed to participate in something truly amazing! Here is Jesus truly present, being offered to the Father through this moment in the Mass. This moment of elevation reminds me of Jesus on the Cross—lifted up, giving everything in love for us. As I hold Jesus up above the altar, I feel that the gesture is saying to God the Father: "Here is Jesus, your Beloved Son; here is the One who loves us perfectly and gave everything for us!"

Fr. Guy Oury mentions this "offering gesture" and how "the offering is that of the Son and at the same time that of the Church. The Mass is inseparably both—an offering made by Christ and by the Church. It is one through the other. The sacrifice of Christ makes possible the sacrifice of the Church and evokes it in response. The Church, to speak in figure, receives the offering from the hands of Christ. He instituted it for the Church, which presents it with him" (The Mass, p. 103). I'm often amazed at the humility of Jesus: in his generosity and love, he invites us through the priest to join in this moment of offering and praise!

## United with the Church, Both on Earth and in Heaven

Charles Belmonte breaks down the words of this doxology, highlighting the ways we are invited into this moment through Jesus, "Through him: Through Jesus' mediation, we have access to God... With him: We are children of God, through the adoption Christ merited for us... In him: There is one and the same life in him and in us... In the unity of the Holy Spirit: The Church is a unity brought together by the Holy Spirit. He joins us together as believers and gives us the life of grace by which we become children of God. He dwells in us, enabling us to offer the sacrifice of praise to God, together with the entire Church" (Understanding the Mass, p. 162).

This moment of the Mass brings us to the great culmination of the Eucharistic Prayer and the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus. As some saints have reminded us, in a very real way we are joined with the angels and saints in the heavenly liturgy. As Jesus is offered to the Father through the Holy Spirit, it seems that all of creation should burst forth together in praise and joy. How can we hold back in the midst of such a wonderful gift? As we will see, we all have a response at this moment that praises God: The Great Amen!

## For Reflection:

1. When you pray the "Glory Be," imagine the elevation of the paten and chalice during the Eucharistic Prayer, and unite your prayer with the offering of Christ.
2. As you make decisions about what you give and what you receive today, consider how these acts of offering do or do not glorify God. At moments when you receive or give human praise, direct your heart to give glory to God.

## Do This in Remembrance of Me; Part 57: The Great Amen

Amen! Today we look at our response at the end of the doxology: the Great Amen. After the priest sings or says, "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever," the people respond with, "Amen!" What exactly does Amen mean? Amen is a special word that most often is understood to mean, "So be it."

## What Does the Word "Amen" Mean?

As the glossary of our Catechism says, Amen is "A Hebrew word meaning 'truly; it is so; let it be done,' signifying agreement with what has been said. The prayers of the New Testament and of the Church's liturgy, and the Creeds, conclude with 'amen.' Jesus used the word to introduce solemn assertions, to emphasize their trustworthiness and authority" (CCC, p. 865). As Edward Sri writes, "'Amen' transliterates a Hebrew word that affirms the validity of what has been said and was often used in liturgical settings. For example, when the Levites sang, 'Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting,' the people joined in this blessing of God by exclaiming, 'Amen!' (1 Chr 16:36)." Sri goes on to say, "Most notable is how the angels and saints in heaven cry out 'Amen' as they sing their part in the chorus praising God in the heavenly liturgy."





In the book of Revelation, every living creature in heaven and earth and under the earth says, 'To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!' And in response, the angelic creatures say 'Amen!' as if to shout out, 'Yes! May the Lord be blessed and honored forever!' (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 120).

## What is the "Great Amen" in the Mass?

Ok, so why is the "Amen" of this part of the Mass called the "Great Amen"? Fr. Oury teaches, "The Amen of the people has special importance at this moment of the celebration. It is more than ever a response and assent. Concerning it Bossuet wrote: 'In the Book of Revelation the elect are represented to us as ever singing Amen to God. Amen in sacred parlance is Yes, a firm and definite Yes that conquers assent, or rather, the whole heart. That is how they love in heaven. Ought we not do so on earth?'" (The Mass, p. 103). Similarly, Charles Belmonte instructs, "This is the most important Amen in the Mass. It is for us both a resolution and a prayer. A resolution upon which our love for God blooms; a prayer based on the future hope of resurrection" (Understanding the Mass, p. 163).

## How Should We Say the "Great Amen"?

If we think about our journey through the Mass, it makes sense to say this Amen is the most important. Take a moment to think about what has recently happened in the Mass: bread and wine were brought forward, along with all our prayers and sacrifices offered in union with Jesus. Through the words and actions of Jesus, the priest prayed the Eucharistic Prayer, and the bread and wine have been changed into the very Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity on the altar: Jesus himself is truly present with us! This is Almighty God with us! This is Jesus who loved us so perfectly that he gave everything for us! This is the moment of Jesus being offered to the Father in perfect praise, and we have been invited to join with Jesus!

Hopefully, we are so excited about what has just taken place that we want to belt out our Amen with great joy and fervor! With this mentality of joy and celebration, Belmonte quotes St. Jerome: "Let us sing or say the Great Amen with all our hearts united to all our brothers. Let it resound the whole world over, as the Amen of our early brothers in the faith 'resounded in heaven, as a celestial thunderclap in the Roman basilicas'" (Understanding the Mass, p. 163). Wouldn't that kind of "Amen" get the attention of our neighbors? "What was that loud sound that shook the ground? Oh, it was the Catholics at Mass singing Amen!"

## For Reflection:

1. The Book of Revelation uses "Amen" as another name for Jesus: "The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God's creation..." (Rev. 3:14). The angels, elders, and four living creatures use this word at both the beginning and end of prayer (see Rev. 7:12; cf. Rev. 19:4). In your own prayer, spend time with this word and allow its meaning to penetrate your life.
2. When you face joys and challenges throughout the day, take a moment to pray (silently or audibly), "Amen," as a way of accepting God's will.

## Next Week: The Communion Rite & The Lord's Prayer

### SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL IS HIRING

St. Michael School is seeking a full-time School Office Lead Administrative Assistant and a part-time Aftercare Assistant. Interested candidates for either position should submit a letter of interest, resume, and references to Sr. Mary Regina, Principal, at [principal@stmichaelworthington.org](mailto:principal@stmichaelworthington.org).



# Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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*The Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

***"The way of Christian perfection begins with a personal summons, addressed to the individual Christian by Christ the Lord, through the Holy Spirit. This summons is a call, a 'vocation.' Every Christian in one way or another receives this vocation from Christ – the call to follow Him."*** ~Excerpted from *LIFE AND HOLINESS* by Father Thomas Merton, OCSO

**Monday, May 12 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Easter**

**Optional Memorials: Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr**

**Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10** Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, they did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

**Meditation:** One can legitimately ask what shepherding can teach us about God and our relationship with him. At the end of each day the shepherd brought his sheep into shelter. They knew the voice of their shepherd and came at his beckoning. So familiar was the shepherd and his sheep, that each was called by a distinct name. In the winter the sheep were usually brought to a communal village shelter which was locked and kept secure by a guardian. In the summer months the sheep were usually kept out in the fields and then gathered into a fold at night which was guarded by a shepherd throughout the night. He was literally the door through which the sheep had to pass. The scriptures describe God as a shepherd who brings security and peace to his people. The Lord will keep you going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore (Psalm 120:8). Even the leaders of God's people are called shepherds: they shall lead them out and bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep which have no shepherd (Numbers 27:17). Just as a shepherd kept watch over his sheep and protected them from danger, so Jesus stands watch over his people as the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to God?

**Prayer:** O God, perfect light of the blessed, by whose gift we celebrate the paschal mysteries on earth, bring us, we pray, to rejoice in the full measure of your grace for ages unending. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The Old Testament often speaks of God as "shepherd" of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25). Saint Augustine wrote: "He has accomplished what he taught us: He has shown us what He commanded us to do. He laid down his own life for his sheep, that within our mystery he might change his body and blood into food, and nourish the sheep he had redeemed with the food of his own flesh. He has shown us the way we must follow, despite fear of death. He has laid down the pattern to which we must conform

ourselves." So ask yourself: Do you look to Jesus the Good Shepherd, to receive the strength and courage you need to live and serve as his disciple?

## **Tuesday, May 13 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Easter Our Lady of Fatima**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 11:27-28** As Jesus said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

**Meditation:** When an admirer wished to compliment Jesus by praising his mother, Jesus did not deny the truth of the blessing she pronounced. Her "beatitude" (which means "blessedness" or "happiness") recalls Mary's canticle: All generations will call me blessed (Luke 1:48). Jesus adds to her words by pointing to the source of all true blessedness or happiness - union with God in heart, mind, and will. Mary humbly submitted herself to the miraculous plan of God for the incarnation of his only begotten Son - the Word of God made flesh in her womb, by declaring: I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:38). Mary heard the word spoken to her by the angel and she believed it.

**Prayer:** O God, who chose the Mother of your Son to be our Mother also, grant us that, persevering in penance and prayer for the salvation of the world, we may further more effectively each day the reign of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima:** O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

**Prayers of Petition:** Send your prayer requests via e-mail to the Shrine of our Lady of the Rosary in Fatima, Portugal; visit the Shrine web page: <https://www.fatima.pt/en/pages/prayer-requests>

**Contemplation:** Our ultimate goal in life, the very reason we were created in the first place, is not to attend a certain university, have a particular job, live at a certain address with a particular car parked in the driveway. No, our ultimate goal is to get to heaven where we may experience complete union with God. We were made for God and our hearts are restless until they rest in him. Saint Lucian of Antioch, an early Christian theologian and martyr, once said that "a Christian's only relatives are the saints." Those who follow Jesus Christ and who seek the will of God enter into a new family, a family of "saints" here on earth and in heaven. Jesus changes the order of relationships and shows that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. Our adoption as sons and daughters of God transforms all our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God and his kingdom. As in "those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28) and those who are "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). Think about it!

**About Our Lady of Fatima:** The famous apparitions of the Virgin Mary to the children of Fatima took place during the First World War, in the summer of 1917. The inhabitants of this tiny village in the diocese of Leiria (Portugal) were mostly poor people, many of them small farmers who went out by day to tend their fields and animals. Children traditionally were assigned the task of herding the sheep.

The three children who received the apparitions had been brought up in an atmosphere of genuine piety: Lucia dos Santos (ten years old) and her two younger cousins, Francisco and Jacinta. Together they tended the sheep and, with Lucy in charge, would often pray the Rosary kneeling in the open. In the summer of 1916 an Angel appeared to them several times and taught them a prayer to the Blessed Trinity.

On Sunday, May 13, 1917, toward noon, a flash of lightning drew the attention of the children, and they saw a brilliant figure appearing over the trees of the Cova da Iria. The "Lady" asked them to pray for the conversion of sinners and an end to the war, and to come back every month, on the 13th.

Further apparitions took place on June 13 and July 13. On August 13 the children were prevented by local authorities from going to the Cova da Iria, but they saw the apparition on the 19th. On September 13 the Lady requested recitation of the Rosary for an end to the war. Finally, on October 13, the "Lady" identified herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary" and again called for prayer and penitence.

On that day a celestial phenomenon also took place: the sun seemed to tumble from the sky and crash toward earth. The children had been forewarned of it as early as May 13, the first apparition. The large

crowd (estimated at 30,000 by newspaper reporters) that had gathered around the children saw the phenomenon and came away astounded.

Official recognition of the "visions" which the children had at the Cova da Iria came on October 13, 1930, when the bishop of Leiria - after long inquiry - authorized the cult of Our Lady of the Rosary at the site. The two younger children had died: Francisco (who saw the apparition but did not hear the words) on April 4, 1919, and his sister Jacinta on February 20, 1920. Sister Lucia died on February 13, 2005, at her Carmelite convent in Coimbra, Portugal, after a long illness.

### **Wednesday, May 14 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Easter Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**

**Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17** Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

**Meditation:** Do you know the love that produces immeasurable joy? Jesus speaks of the love which the Father and he have for those who belong to him. We can never out give God in love, because he has loved us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. Paul the Apostle tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5). In God's love we find the fullness of grace, life, peace, and joy. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – a new way of love. We are to love others as Jesus has loved us.

**Prayer:** O God, who assigned Saint Matthias a place in the college of Apostles, grant us, through his intercession, that, rejoicing at how your love has been allotted to us, we may merit to be numbered among the elect. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** What is the essence of this new commandment? True love is sacrificial. It gives all to the beloved. And there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love for his disciples by giving his life for them, even to death on the cross. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the joy and contentment of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

### **Thursday, May 15 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Easter Optional Memorial of Saint Isidore the Farmer**

***Today is a fitting day for all of us to pray for those who work the land, grow crops, raise farm animals, and all who provide for the food that is on our tables.***

**Holy Gospel: John 13:16-20** When Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them: "Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it. I am not speaking of all of you. I know those whom I have chosen. But so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, the one who ate my food has raised his heel against me. From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I AM. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

**Meditation:** Jesus loved his disciples to the end and proved his faithfulness to them even to death on the cross. Through his death and resurrection Jesus opened a new way of relationship and friendship with God. Jesus tells his disciples that if they accept him they also accept the Father who sent him. This principle extends to all who belong to Christ and who speak in his name. To accept the Lord's messenger is to accept Jesus himself. The great honor and the great responsibility any Christian has is to stand in the world for Jesus Christ. As his disciples and ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:20), we are called to speak for him and to act on his behalf. Are you ready to stand for Jesus at the cross of humiliation, rejection, opposition, and suffering?

**Prayer ~ Saint Isidore the Farmer:** Lord God, to whom belongs all creation, and who call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us, inspire us by the example of Saint Isidore to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of all people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer of Farmers to Saint Joseph:** O glorious Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, you did provide for the Holy Family. We commit to your protection all of our crops and farm industries. Deign, we beseech you, to intercede in our behalf with Almighty God, Who rules the seasons, so that our fields being safe from pests and favored by the weather may yield abundant crops that will allow us to supply the wants of life. Thus freed from earthly worries may we after your example apply all our thoughts to eternal life. We beseech you to instill a love of the land into the hearts of our youth for their own salvation and that of Christian unity so that we may all share hereafter in the same blissful life you enjoy in heaven. Amen

**Contemplation:** Have you ever given any thought as to how you treat those who cause you grief or harm? Especially those who are close to you in some way? In his last supper discourse, Jesus addressed the issue of fidelity and disloyalty in relationships. Jesus knew beforehand that one of his own disciples would betray him. Such knowledge could have easily led Jesus to distance himself from such a person and to protect himself from harm's way. Instead, Jesus expresses his love, affection, and loyalty to those who were his own, even to the one he knew would "stab him in the back" when he got the opportunity.

### **Friday, May 16 ~ Fourth Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 14:1-6** Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**Meditation:** The Lord Jesus came to fulfill God's promise to bring his people, not simply to a land flowing with milk and honey, but to a restored paradise and new creation where we can dwell with God in perfect peace and unity. That is why Jesus proclaims, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." Jesus does not simply give advice and direction. He personally is the Way, and we cannot miss it. Through his life-giving word and Spirit, Jesus leads and guides us personally every day. The Lord Jesus also is the Truth. Many can say, "I have taught you the truth." Only Jesus can say, I am the Truth. Moral truth cannot be conveyed in words alone; it must be conveyed in example. Jesus embodies the truth in his person. Jesus also is the Life. He not only shows us the path of life (Psalm 16:11); he gives the kind of life which only God can give – abundant life which never fails nor ends. Is there any fear or trouble that keeps you from the perfect peace and happiness of a life surrendered to Jesus Christ?

**Prayer:** O God, author of our freedom and of our salvation, listen to the voice of our pleading and grant that those you have redeemed by the shedding of your Son's Blood may have life through you and, under your protection, rejoice for ever unharmed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** As much as we try to avoid it, we all inevitably encounter trouble and difficulties that we find hard to endure. Life is not a bowl of cherries, or bed of roses – cherries have pits, and roses have thorns. Jesus knew his disciples would have to face trials and persecution after he left them to return to his Father in heaven. Adversity can make us lose hope and become discouraged, or it can press us closer to God and to his promises. "It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you or forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8). Just as God went ahead of the Israelites in the wilderness to lead them safely to the promised land, Jesus tells his disciples that he is going ahead to prepare a place for them in God's house – a place of refuge, peace, and security, and everlasting happiness. The greatest fear in this present life – whether it be the separation and loss of life to a loved one or the threat to one's own life – is put to rest by Jesus' promise that we will live forever with him and the Father in their heavenly home.

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Tuesday, June 17, 6:30pm  
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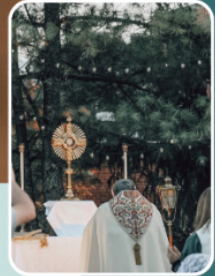
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- June 1 Bulletin submissions due May 21
- June 8 Bulletin submissions due May 26
- June 15 Bulletin submissions due May 26
- June 22 Bulletin submissions due May 28

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- The board promotes St. Michael School and helps to build a strong school community by outreach to current and new families.

#### THE TIME COMMITMENT:

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- 1-3 hours per month of additional committee work
- Events throughout the year such as the New Family Picnic, Open House, Trivia Night, and Parish Festival
- Each position holds a three-year term



If you are interested in applying for a position on the SMSAB, please contact the principal, Sr. Mary Regina, O.P. at [principal@stmichaelworthington.org](mailto:principal@stmichaelworthington.org) with a brief description stating your interest and your resume by **May 17, 2025**

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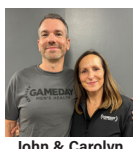
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